

## SOUTHERN CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

November 8, 2010 7:00 PM

White House at Les Schwab Amphitheater

Chairman Brett Caldwell introduced himself and the other Board members.

Heidi Lansdowne, project manager for the Water/Waste Water Division for the City of Bend gave us some background on the ongoing \$73 Million City Surface Water Improvement Project. The existing pipelines from Bridgecreek were built in the 1920's and the 1950's. The project would replace failing pipelines with new pipelines under Skyliner Road and make improvements to the road, adding bike lanes. They also need to add a water treatment plant to meet new Federal drinking water regulations. They are also considering adding a new hydroelectric facility. The improvements will probably need to be funded by ratepayers averaging a \$3.50/month increase over 10 year period. The final analysis goes to the City Council on November 17<sup>th</sup> and they will be making a decision by December 1<sup>st</sup> after a public comment period. Once approved, construction would start by summer of 2012.

Kristen Kovalik from the Trust for Public Land reported on the Miller Landing Project. Miller Landing is a 4.6 acre parcel located across the river from McKay Park. The land has been in the Miller family for 86 years and was once the site for stables for horses used in the mills. It has been targeted for a community park since the 90's. There is an opportunity to acquire the property for \$1.8 million. Some conceptual design work has been done with demand for river access, boating use and more river park space. The Miller Trust gave the Trust for Public Land one year to secure the funding, which expires December 31, 2011. A capital campaign is under way and they are \$187,000 short. If funds are not raised in time they will access an internal loan to complete the purchase. BMPRD will then have 3 months to get the funds to purchase the property. \$750,000 would come from the BMPRD general fund plus a \$250,000 grant from the State Parks economic development which is lottery dollars. The project is not on the design development schedule yet, but on the next annual plan it will be included. Funding for the development has not yet been identified. The park would complete a gap in the Deschutes River Trail.

Bruce Ronning also talked about the Paddle Trail Project. A 2007 Paddle Trail feasibility study identified 7 or 8 potential improvements. The Colorado dam was identified as the most important due to its high use and safety issues. One concept plan calls for a bypass channel which would flow along McKay park while creating rapids in the middle for whitewater, but with the ability to float through as well. The natural habitat area on the East side would be maintained as is. A consultant is being selected and money is in the budget for preliminary work estimated to be \$1.7 million. The existing bike and pedestrian bridge will

need to be redesigned for clearance. Bruce did identify Miller Landing as the highest priority for land acquisition.

Brett talked briefly about the accomplishments of the Neighborhood Association for 2010, including the Scale Shack preservation project.

Elections were held. Up for re-election were Bryan Smith, C.J. Ferrari and Dave Thompson. All were re-elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Smith, Secretary